

Ultra Wideband RF Transformer

NCR2-Series

50Ω 3W Up to 18 GHz

The Big Deal

- Microwave Frequency Balun
- Ultra-Wideband Frequency Coverage, from 3.5 up to 18 GHz
- Miniature Size LTCC Package



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CASE STYLE: NF1846-1

Product Overview

The Mini-Circuits NCR2 family of ultra-wideband balun transformers covers a frequency range spanning 3.5 to 18 GHz with an impedance ratio of 1:2. They are commonly used for unbalanced to balanced applications. LTCC construction provides exceptional reliability, thermal stability, and a high degree of repeatability. A small footprint (0.08 x 0.10") offers flexibility of integration with RF integrated circuits.

Key Features

Feature	Advantages
Ultra-wide bandwidth	The NCR2 family of LTCC baluns covers many popular microwave frequency bands and is ideal for applications such as satellite communications, point to point radio, and electronic surveillance.
LTCC construction	Low Temperature Ceramic Co-fired construction offers a high degree of repeatability, temperature stability, and high power handling capabilities.
Miniature footprint, 0.079"x0.098"x0.035"	The miniature footprint of these LTCC baluns makes them easy to integrate with RF integrated circuits.

Notes

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Ceramic Balun RF Transformer

50Ω 12000 to 18000 MHz

NCR2-183+



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Maximum Ratings

Operating Temperature	-40°C to 85°C
Storage Temperature	-55°C to 100°C
Input RF Power	3W

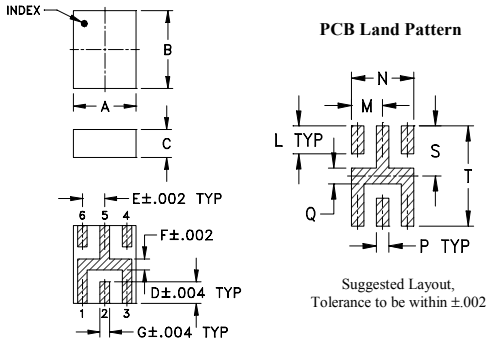
Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

Pad Connections

PRIMARY DOT (Unbalanced Port)	2
SECONDARY DOT (Balanced)	6
SECONDARY (Balanced)	4
GND Externally	1,3,5

Product Marking: TP

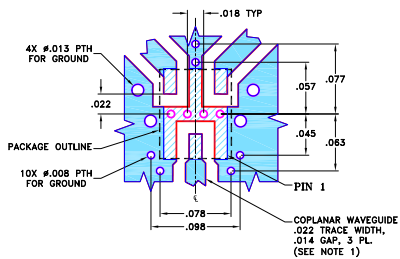
Outline Drawing



Outline Dimensions (inch/mm)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	L
.079	.098	.035	.027	.028	.014	.014	.028
2.01	2.49	0.89	0.69	0.71	0.36	0.36	0.71
M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	wt
.035	.07	.014	.016	--	.050	.100	grams
0.89	1.78	0.36	0.41	--	1.27	0.03	0.020

Demo Board MCL P/N: TB-745+ Suggested PCB Layout (PL-425)



- NOTES:
- COPLANAR WAVEGUIDE PARAMETERS ARE SHOWN FOR ROGERS R04350B WITH DIELECTRIC THICKNESS $.010 \pm .001$ ". COPPER: 1/2 OZ. EACH SIDE. FOR OTHER MATERIALS TRACE WIDTH AND GAP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED.
 - BOTTOM SIDE OF THE PCB IS CONTINUOUS GROUND PLANE.
- Denotes PCB COPPER LAYOUT WITH SMOBC (SOLDER MASK OVER BARE COPPER).
 - Denotes COPPER LAND PATTERN FREE OF SOLDER MASK

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Features

- wideband, 12000 to 18000 MHz
- miniature size, 0.079"x0.098"x0.035"
- LTCC construction
- low cost
- aqueous washable

Applications

- Point to Point
- ISM
- Radio navigation
- SATCOM

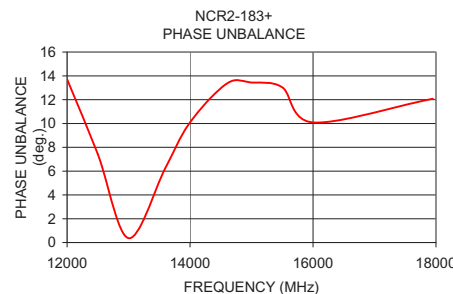
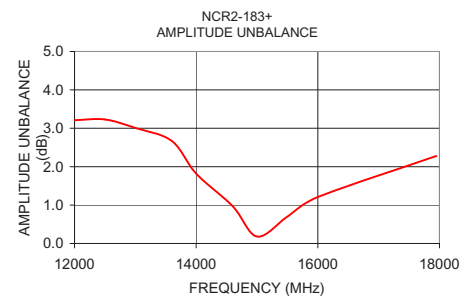
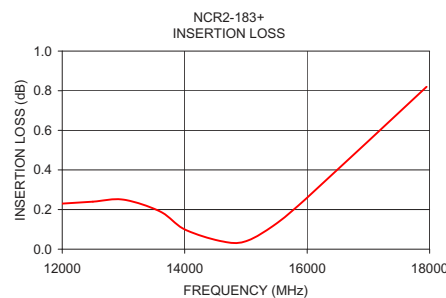
Electrical Specifications at 25°C

Parameter	Frequency (MHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Impedance Ratio (secondary/primary)			2		
Frequency Range		12000	—	18000	MHz
Insertion Loss*	12000 - 18000	—	0.6	2.5	dB
Amplitude Unbalance	12000 - 18000	—	2.0	3.8	dB
Phase Unbalance†	12000 - 17000	—	10	20	Degree
	17000 - 18000	—	15	25	

* Insertion Loss is referenced to mid-band loss, 0.45 dB. Reference Demo Board TB-745+.
† Relative to 180°

Typical Performance Data at 25°C

FREQUENCY (MHz)	INSERTION LOSS (dB)	INPUT R. LOSS (dB)	AMPLITUDE UNBALANCE (dB)	PHASE UNBALANCE (Deg.)
12000.0	0.23	19.89	3.21	13.72
12500.0	0.24	20.93	3.23	7.42
13000.0	0.25	19.52	3.01	0.37
13600.0	0.19	24.37	2.67	6.28
14000.0	0.10	25.53	1.82	10.09
14600.0	0.04	26.96	0.97	13.36
15000.0	0.04	23.29	0.18	13.44
15500.0	0.13	20.15	0.70	13.04
16000.0	0.26	15.33	1.21	10.09
17950.0	0.82	9.78	2.28	12.08



configuration E1

